DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for benthic Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) on the following impaired stream segments - 2.36 miles of Ash Camp Creek and 7.25 miles of Twittys Creek. The impaired stream segments are located in the south central region of Virginia in Charlotte County. The impaired water bodies are tributaries to the Roanoke Creek in the Roanoke River Basin.

TMDLs of impaired segments of the Ash Camp Creek and Twittys Creek were approved by EPA on April 26, 2004 and on September 30, 2004, respectively. Approved reports can be found on DEQ's websites at:

http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/roankrvr/accbc.pdf
http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/roankrvr/twittybc.pdf

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The first public meeting on the development of the IP for the above impaired segments will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlotte County Board Room at Charlotte County Administration Office Building located at 250 LeGrande Ave, Suite A, Charlotte Courthouse, VA 23923. After a one hour public meeting, stakeholders will break into working group sessions to discuss agricultural and residential sources of pollutant, sediment, and begin the public participation input process for the implementation plan.

The public comment period will end on September 16, 2009. The fact sheets on the development of an IP for the above impaired segments are available upon request. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Dr. Ram Gupta, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 101 North 14th St., 11th Floor, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219, email address: ram.gupta@dcr.virginia.gov, phone # (804) 371-0991.